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## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No: 10/670,143 Atty. Docket: Vereenigde P59US  
Filed: 09/24/2003  
Title: Machine and Method for Bunching Plant Stems  
Applicant: Oderwald, Michiel P. and Vis, Andreas G.  
Group: 3671  
Examiner: Árpád Fábán Kovács

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

A response in the application identified above is enclosed.

## Request for Extension of Time

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	Fee	Small Entity Fee	
One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	<del>\$60</del>
Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450	\$225	<del>\$225</del>
Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1020	\$510	\$
Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1590	\$795	\$
Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2160	\$1080	\$

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 22-0257.

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Please charge the extension fee and any other fees required in connection with this amendment or credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 22-0257.

I hereby certify that this correspondence and the attached Response B are being transmitted to the UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE by facsimile directed to the attention of Examiner Árpád Fábíán Kovács at facsimile number 703-872-9306 on March 23, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Oderwald, Michiel P. and Vis, Andreas G.

Dated: 3/23/05

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RESPONSE B

In response to the office action dated October 24, 2004, please consider the following remarks.

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